* Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—" Arising out of the anwer of the hon. Minister that lady students might sit side by side with boys and young men, might not orders be issued that the lady pupils should be provided separate accommodation in the classes in the Presidency College?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" I want notice of that. I do not know exactly what the position is."

Industries

Sale of the Government Ink Factory.

* 329 *Q.*—Diwan Bahadur A. Appadurai Pillai: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the equipment for the manufacture of printing inks, and the recipe connected therewith, have been sold by the Government;

(*b*) if so, to whom, when and at what price;

(*c*) whether the intended sale was duly advertised in the papers and in the Gazette, and tenders called for either by the Government or the Director of Industries; and

(*d*) if not, why was this procedure dispensed with?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) In May 1933, the Government permitted the Director of Industries to accept the offer of one Mr. B. K. S. Choudari for the purchase of the entire assets for Rs. 5,000.

(*c*) Yes; by the issue of a Press Communiqué, dated 4th June 1932.

(*d*) Does not arise.

Mr. T. S. Ramaswami Ayyar:—" May I know what the loss to the Government is by this transaction?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" If it is in capital value, I want notice."

Mr. K. P. Raman Menon:—" Was this sale well advertised?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" It was. The Press Communiqué was published in the Gazette and in the newspapers."

Mr. K. P. Raman Menon:—" How long after that publication was the sale held?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" Notice."

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Mr. T. S. RAMASWAMI AYYAR:—" May I know, Sir, from the hon. Minister whether the sale was advertised in papers other than those in the Presidency? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" I cannot say."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—" What was the last date fixed in the Press Communiqué for the receipt of tenders? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" I want notice of the question."

Mr. M. S. SRESHTA:—" Is there no procedure fixed for the calling of tenders? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" There is no special procedure as far as I know except the usual one."

Mr. M. S. SRESHTA:—" Will the hon. the Minister consider the desirability of adopting a regular procedure for calling for tenders and fixing a date within which the tenders will be received? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" In all transactions of Government, I think this procedure is adopted."

Mr. M. S. SRESHTA:—" In the transactions connected with this department, sealed tenders should be called for and they should be received only up to a particular date. That is the usual procedure, I believe. Will the hon. Minister consider the desirability of adopting the same procedure here? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" The usual procedure was adopted here also."

Mr. M. S. SRESHTA:—" Will the hon. Minister kindly make an enquiry into the matter? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" No enquiry at this stage will be of any use, I think."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR:—" May I know, Sir, how many tenders were received in all? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" Notice."

Mr. T. S. RAMASWAMI AYYAR:—" Will the hon. Minister let us know why it should have taken as long a period as nearly a year for the Government to accept the offer, after the issue of the Press Communiqué? The answer (c) says that the Press Communiqué was dated the 4th June 1932, whereas (b) shows that the offer was accepted in May 1933."

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" Notice, Sir."

Mr. T. S. RAMASWAMI AYYAR:—" Did the Government feel that they should have got a better offer and were not prepared to accept this offer of Rs. 5,000? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" I say I cannot give the reason for the delay without notice."

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Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"May I know, Sir, why, for nearly a year after the Government called for tenders, they did not pass orders on the tenders received?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"I have already said that I would like to have notice."

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—"May I know from the hon. Minister whether the matter of calling for tenders has been published in the newspapers?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"I said that it was."

Mr. V. T. ARASU:—"What are the newspapers in which the sale was advertised?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"Notice."

UNSTARRED QUESTION

Irrigation

Plans and estimates for the restoration of the Panjantangi tank, Srivilliputtur taluk.

330 *Q.*—Mr. M. DEVADASAN: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the estimate for the restoration of the Panjantangi tank, Elundrakondon, Srivilliputtur taluk, has been sent to, and sanctioned by the Superintending Engineer, Trichinopoly; and

(*b*) if not, why not?

A.—Plans and an estimate amounting to Rs. 1,730 were submitted to the Superintending Engineer, but in March last he returned them to the Executive Engineer for the submission of certain particulars. The Superintending Engineer reported that he would himself deal with them as they were within his powers of sanction. The Government have no further information.

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—ELECTION TO THE SENATE OF THE ANDHRA UNIVERSITY.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"I have to announce that as a result of the election held on 1st November 1933 the following hon. Members have been declared duly elected to the Senate of the Anhdra University:—

(1) Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari, (2) Mr. C. Indriah, (3) Sriman M. G. Patnaik Mahasayo, (4) Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar, and (5) Mr. K. Kesava Ramamurti.